

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for Authority to Institute a Rate Stabilization Plan with a Rate Increase and End of Rate Freeze Tariffs.	Application 00-11-038 (Filed November 16, 2000)
Emergency Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to Adopt a Rate Stabilization Plan.  (U 39 E)	Application 00-11-056 (Filed November 22, 2000)
Petition of THE UTILITY REFORM NETWORK for Modification of Resolution E-3527.	Application 00-10-028 (Filed October 17, 2000)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

A prehearing conference (PHC) in this proceeding is set for Wednesday, September 4, 2002, before Administrative Law Judge Allen, at 2 p.m. in the Commission Auditorium, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California. At this PHC, we will discuss the scope, schedule, and nature of this proceeding, which is to address the revenue requirement submitted by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) on August 16, 2002.

PHC statements are required to be filed and served by anyone who intends to actively participate in this phase of this proceeding. Specifically, participants shall: identify any issues they believe should be addressed and the general positions they intend to take on those issues; present their recommendations for

the schedule of the proceeding (consistent with the mandatory 120-day timeline); state whether they believe evidentiary hearings are necessary; identify what other proceedings may have implications for this proceeding and how those implications should be addressed here; and identify any threshold legal or procedural issues that need to be resolved. The Commission is currently considering holding an initial workshop to ensure, if not consensus, at least consistency in the presentation of information in this proceeding. Participants shall also state their position on the desirability, scope, and timing of any such workshop. PHC statements are due on August 29, 2002, and shall be no more than ten pages.<sup>1</sup>

Participants should be prepared to discuss all of the above topics at the PHC. A Scoping Memo will be issued following the PHC, addressing the scope and scheduling of this proceeding. Please be aware that this proceeding will be on an expedited schedule, and will require the cooperation of all participants. Since participants will have had DWR's submittal for over two weeks by the time of the PHC, we intend to set a short discovery deadline, as well as appropriate time limits for supplements or other revisions.

Anyone who needs assistance with participation in this proceeding should make use of the resources on the Commission's web site, [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov), or should contact our Public Advisor's Office, which is available to help parties understand how to participate in a proceeding, how to file a pleading, and to answer other questions about Commission procedure. The northern California office can be reached at 415-703-2074 or [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov). The

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<sup>1</sup> Filing and service of documents, such as the PHC statement, shall be by the previously established protocols for this proceeding. Additional copies of the PHC statements should be brought to the PHC for potential new appearances.

southern California office can be reached at 213-576- 7055 or  
public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. A prehearing conference (PHC) in this proceeding is set for Wednesday, September 4, 2002, before Administrative Law Judge Allen, at 2 p.m., in the Commission Auditorium, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.
2. Written PHC statements not exceeding ten pages are due August 29, 2002, as described above.

Dated August 22, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ PETER V. ALLEN  
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Peter V. Allen  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail, to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Prehearing Conference on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated August 22, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

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**N O T I C E**

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